

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the modifications above and the remarks below. Applicants have amended the claims to place the Application in condition for allowance or for better condition for appeal. The amendment does not create any undue burden for the Examiner.

A. Rejections Under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

1. The Office Action rejected Claims 57, 64 and 74 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, on various grounds.

The Office Action alleged that the phrase "di,tridecyl amine" was indefinite. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot.

The Office Action alleged that in Claim 55b, the phrase "at an pressure" was ungrammatical. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot. Reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action alleged that in Claim 55(h), the phrase said ammonium dimlybdate was indefinite because the recited process did not recite the use of an ammonium compound. Claim 55 has been amended to include "stripping said organic solvent with aqueous ammonia." Support for this amendment is found on page 13, paragraph 46, lines 7-8. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot. Reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action alleged that the phrase "suitable as a chemical grade product" in Claims 55, 62, 71 and 72 was indefinite and superfluous. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot. Reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action alleged that Claims 59-61, 66-68, and 76-78 were indefinite for each recitation of "step." In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot. Reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action alleged that the phrase "simultaneously reducing the pH level" rendered Claims 55, 62, and 72 indefinite as to what it is simultaneous with. Claims 55, 62 and 72 have been amended to include "...said solvent extraction process comprising contacting said first liquid filtrate with an organic solvent to form a two-phase mixture and simultaneously reducing the pH level in said two-phase mixture such that the molybdenum values in said first liquid filtrate are extracted into

said organic solvent." Claims 55, 62 and 72 are directed to "simultaneously reducing the pH level" with the step of "contacting said liquid filtrate with said organic solvent to form a two-phase mixture..." In view of the remarks above, the rejection is believed moot. Reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action alleged that the phrase "ammonium dimolybdate" in Claim 72 rendered the claim indefinite, because the recited process did not recite the use of an ammonium compound. Claim 72 has been amended to include "stripping said organic solvent with aqueous ammonia." Support for this amendment is found on page 13, paragraph 46, lines 7-8." In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed moot. Reconsideration is requested.

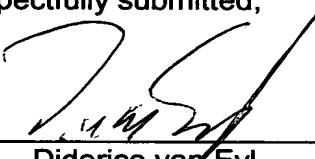
B. Informalities

Applicants have corrected the spelling of "simultaneously" in Claim 62.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance of Claims 55-78 is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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